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In the Claims:

1.(previously presented) A dispensing device for dispensing a volatile material to an ambient environment comprising:

a refill which includes a reservoir containing a volatile liquid, and a porous wick having a lower portion extending within the reservoir and adapted to be in fluid communication with said volatile liquid within the reservoir and an upper portion extending outside of the reservoir and adapted to be in fluid communication with an ambient environment, wherein the upper portion of the porous wick has a shaped recess;
and,

a cover portion including a housing element adapted to engage within the shaped recess in the upper portion of the porous wick when the dispensing device is assembled.

2.(currently amended) A process for preventing the use of inappropriate refills in an air treatment device which comprises the step of providing:

a refill device comprising a shaped recess in an the upper portion of a porous wick, and

a cover portion including a housing element adapted to engage within the shaped recess when the dispensing device is assembled.

3.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
the shaped recess of the wick defines a cavity having an open end, and a bottom end within the upper portion of the porous wick.

4.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
the shaped recess of the wick includes a tapered region.

5.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 4 wherein:
the tapered region of the shaped recess is adjacent to a top end of the wick.

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- 6.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
the shaped recess of the wick defines a cavity having an open end, a tapered region adjacent to the top end of the wick, and a cylindrical region extending downwardly from the tapered region of wick.
- 7.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 6 wherein:
the shaped recess terminates at a bottom end terminating the cylindrical region of the shaped recess.
- 8.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 6 wherein:
the tapered region and the cylindrical region are concentric with the central axis of the wick.
- 9.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
the shaped recess of the wick is a channel extending through the upper portion of the wick.
- 10.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
the shaped recess of the wick includes two intersecting channels extending through the upper portion of the wick.
- 11.(previously presented) A dispensing device according to claim 1 which further includes a fan.
- 12.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1, wherein the porous wick of the refill is maintained in a fixed position with respect to the reservoir of the refill.
- 13.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1, wherein the housing element of the cover portion is only engaged within the shaped recess in the upper portion of the

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porous wick when a portion of the refill is inserted into a portion of the cover portion.

14.(new) A process according to claim 2, wherein the housing element of the cover portion simultaneously engages within the shaped recess in the upper portion of the porous wick as a portion of the refill inserts into a portion of the cover portion.

14. (new) A process according to claim 2, wherein the housing element of the cover portion simultaneously engages within the shaped recess in the upper portion of the porous wick as a portion of the refill inserts into a portion of the cover portion.